

The Director of Central Intelligence

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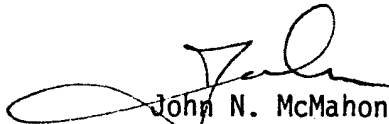
The Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Boland:

The other day when Tom Latimer was in my office he was admiring my Political Handbook and he mentioned your interest in publications of this nature. I thought you might find the attached extremely helpful in that it is a very quick digest of what makes countries tick. You can also use it to "check CIA facts." I hope you will find it useful.

With best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely,


John N. McMahon
Acting Director

Attachment

P.S. 1981 is the current version.